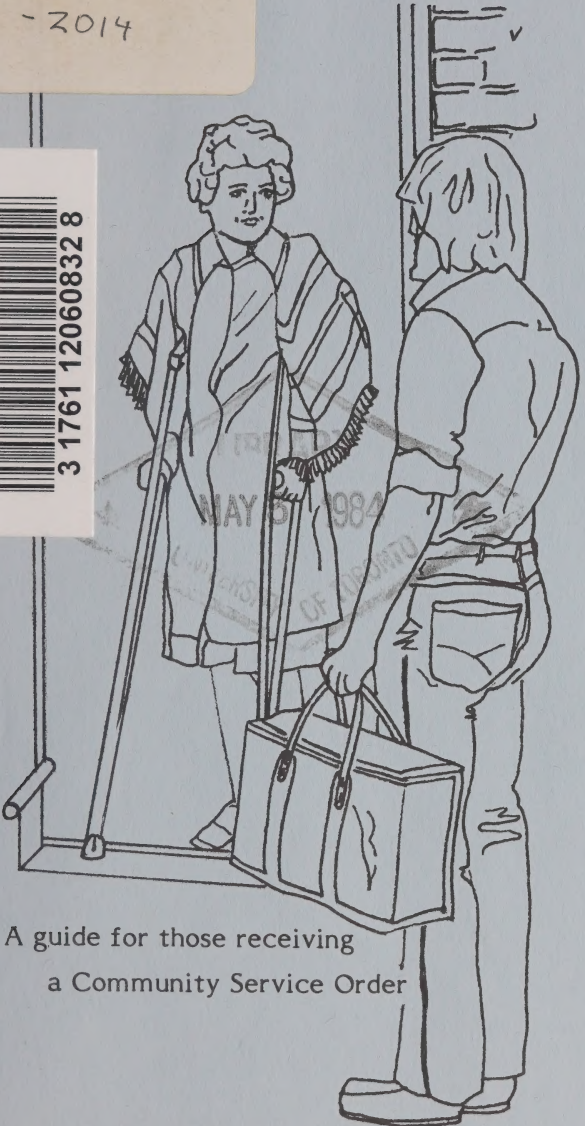


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A guide for those receiving
a Community Service Order

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND YOU

What is a community service order?

In Ontario, community service is ordered by the criminal courts as part of a probation order. The court determines the number of hours which you are required to serve. You will not be paid for the service you perform.

What do I have to do?

Some community service assignments may include assisting with:

- Maintenance, gardening, painting
- Seniors
- Daycare
- Recreation

However, your assignment depends on your skills, your interests and the needs of the community. In most cases you will find yourself working with other community volunteers.

When do I do my community service?

Once you have been assigned to an agency a schedule will be agreed upon. Community service should not conflict with school or work hours.

What are my responsibilities?

- Report to the placement agency (at times and dates agreed to)
- Call in advance if you are unable to attend
- Arrange your own transportation
- Dress according to the activity you have been assigned
- Perform your community service in a co-operative manner

Will the people I am helping know that I am on probation?

At most agencies only your supervisor will be aware that you are on probation.

Who keeps track of my community service hours?

Your supervisor at the placement agency is responsible for monitoring your attendance and the hours you have performed.

What happens if I do not complete the community service hours assigned to me?

It is important to remember that community service is a condition of probation, and failure to co-operate or to complete the assigned hours may result in a charge of failure to comply with your probation order.

How will community service help me?

It depends on how much effort you decide to put into it. You may learn new skills and gain valuable experience in community.

For more information about community service orders, contact:

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